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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 0901

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS

REF: STATE 91875

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS EMBASSY TODAY  
RAISED SUBJECT OF UNFICYP REDUCTIONS AT WORKING LEVEL  
WITH FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. INITIAL REACTION OF WORKING LEVEL PEOPLE IN  
POLITICAL AND UN SECTIONS OF FONMIN, WHICH NOT NECESSARILY  
DEFINITIVE, IS THAT FINLAND IN PRINCIPLE HAS NO  
OBJECTION TO REDUCTIONS IN THE UN CYPRUS FORCE, PRO-  
VIDED BOTH THE TURKS AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL ALSO AGREE.

3. THE FINNS NOW AGAIN HAVE A FULL COMPLIMENT  
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IN CYPRUS AND THEREFORE SEE SOME LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS

IN ANY IMMEDIATE SIZEABLE REDUCTIONS. IF IT WERE NOW TO BE DECIDED THAT REDUCTIONS WILL BE MADE AND THE DECISION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PERIOD, THEN THAT ALSO IS NO REAL PROBLEM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, SINCE THE FINNISH RESERVES FOR UN PEACE-KEEPING SERVICE ARE DOWN TO 500 OF THE NORMAL 1000, THE FINNS MIGHT WELCOME SOME REDUCTIONS IN CYPRUS.

4. IN ANY CASE, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL TAKE UP THE MATTER WITHIN THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT. THE FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO ROME, JORMA VANAMO, WHO IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO CYPRUS, IS IN NICOSIA AT THIS MOMENT FOR A WEEK-LONG VISIT, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE SOLICITING HIS VIEWS ON THE MATTER. THE QUESTION WILL ALSO BE TAKEN UP WITH THE FINNISH MILITARY IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS AND TO OBTAIN SOME ESTIMATE OF HOW SMALL THE FINNISH CONTINGENT COULD BE AND STILL REMAIN A VIABLE SELF-SUFFICIENT UNIT. THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES NOT INTEND TO SOLICIT THOUGHTS ON THE QUESTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE THE UN LEAKS LIKE A SIEVE".

5. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SUBJECT IS THE FACT THAT THE NORDIC DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL BE MEETING IN A MONTH AND ARE LIKELY TO HAVE IT ON THEIR AGENDA.

6. AS SOON AS THE EMBASSY RECEIVES A MORE DEFINITIVE ANSWER FROM THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT WE WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT.  
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